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1. SUMMARY: IN A SPEECH TO THE SEJM ON MAY 29, FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI OUTLINED CURRENT DIRECTIONS IN POLISH FOREIGN POLICY AND REPORTED ON THE WARSAW PACT POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SESSION HERE LAST APRIL. HIS ADDRESS EMBRACED A PANOPLY OF ISSUES, INCLUDING CSCE, SOCIALIST COMMUNITY RELATION, CONTACTS WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND THE VATICAN, THE MIDDLE EAST, INDOCHINA, AND POLISH UN ACTIVITIES. IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RYSZARD FRELEK PROPOSED LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO CODIFY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MFA AND ENHANCE ITS AUTHORITY IN COORDINATING POLAND'S "INCREASING ACTIVITY" IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. OLSZOWSKI'S REPORT AND FRELEK'S BILL WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. DETAILS OF THE LATTER ARE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT WE REPORT HERE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OLSZOWSKI'S PRESENTATION. END SUMMARY.

2. ON CSCE, OLSZOWSKI PLUGGED FOR COMPLETION AT THE "EARLIEST TIME," REITERATING THE POLISH LEADERSHIP'S COMMITMENT TO PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE FINAL PHASE (REF A) AS A MEANS OF UNDERSCORING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE AND POLAND'S "WILL" TO ADHERE TO OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN WITHIN ITS FRAMEWORK. HE CALLED ON OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS TO DO LIKEWISE.

3. ON THE WARSAW PACT, OLSZOWSKI REPEATED THE STANDARD POSITION ON MUTUAL DISSOLUTION OF THE PACT AND NATO. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT, SINCE THE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY NATO READINESS TO TAKE SUCH A STEP, IT IS "NECESSARY TO STRENGTHEN WP DEFENSE FORCES." OLSZOWSKI ALSO LINKED CEMA AND THE WP AS THE "MAIN INSTRUMENTS" OF COOPERATION AMONG "OUR FRATERNAL COUNTRIES."

4. HE TREATED SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS IN A LONG PASSAGE CHRONICLING THE SERIES OF TALKS HELD BY GIerek, Jaroszewicz, and himself with their Soviet counterparts over the past year or so. OLSZOWSKI SUGGESTED THAT ADDITIONAL TALKS ENVISAGE DURING POLAND'S "JUBILEE YEAR" WOULD PROVIDE IMPETUS FOR BROADENING THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

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5. REGARDING THE US., OLSZOWSKI CONFIRMED HIMSELF TO BRIEFLY NOTING PRESIDENT NIXON'S 1972 VISIT AND EXPANDING COMMERCIAL TIES. HOWEVER, IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, HE PLACED GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO DETENTE OF CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS, WHICH HE DEPICTED IN STANDARD TERMS.

6. IN A LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF RECENT "DIFFICULTIES" IN

FRG-POLISH "NORMALIZATION TALKS," THE BLAME FOR WHICH HE LAID ON BONN AND WEST GERMAN "RIGHTIST CIRCLES", OLSZOWSKI PROCLAIMED WARSAW'S "READINESS" TO CONTINUE "CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATION" WITH THE NEW BONN GOVERNMENT. HE FURTHER CITED GIEREK'S RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT DEPICTING FRG-POLISH NORMALIZATION AS BEING IN THE GREATER INTERESTS OF EUROPEAN PEACE AND SECURITY (REF B).

7. DEALING IN FAMILIAR TERMS WITH VIETNAM AND THE ICCS, OLSZOWSKI ALLEGED A "CLEAR DEPARTURE" OF SAIGON FROM THE PARIS AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, HE WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE "RESPONSIBILITY" FOR IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT LIES WITH THE "SIGNATORIES." THE ICCS, HE SAID CAN ONLY ASSIST THIS; IT CANNOT "SUBSTITUTE" FOR THE PARTIES.

8. IN OTHER HIGHLIGHTS, OLSZOWSKI CALLED FOR "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA, DECLARED THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL HAD CREATED CONDITIONS FOR "NORMALIZATION" WITH THAT COUNTRY, AND EMPHASIZED WARSAW'S DESIRE TO CONTINUE ITS DIALOGUE WITH THE VATICAN. SPEAKING OF CONTACTS WITH POLONIA, HE EXPRESSED A CONVICTION THAT POLES ABROAD CAN EVER MORE EFFECTIVELY "INFLUENCE THE FORMATION OF A PROPER IMAGE OF POLAND AND INCREASE ITS CIRCLE OF FRIENDS."

9. COMMENT: THIS ADDITIONAL PUBLIC DEMAND FOR EARLY COMPLETION OF CSCE IS INTERESTING IN LIGHT OF A GROWING PESSIMISM POLISH OFFICIALS ARE EXPRESSING TO US PRIVATELY. IT ALSO CONTRASTS WITH MOSCOW'S RECENT SILENCE ON THE COMPLETION TIMING AS REPORTED IN REF C.

10. OLSZOWSKI'S HINT THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP WILL BE REPRESENTED AT A HIGH LEVEL DURING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION JIBES WITH REPORTS WE HAVE HEARD FROM POLISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEDIA OFFICIALS THAT BREZHNEV WILL PROBABLY COME FOR THE JULY 22 FESTIVITIES HERE. OLSZOWSKI'S DISCUSSION OF POLONIA IN A FOREIGN RELATIONS CONTEXT ACCORDS WITH INCREASING EMPHASIS BEING GIVEN TO POLONIA ACTIVITIES AND THE ADVANTAGES SOUGHT THEREFROM. AMPLIFICATION OF THE REGIME'S RESIRE TO USE POLONIA AS A FOREIGN-POLICY INSTRUMENT IS FOUND IN OLSZOWSKI'S SPEECH TO A NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PARTY AND DIPLOMATIC ACTIVES LAST MARCH (REF D).

11. IN HIS COMMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN, OLSZOWSKI FAILED--ALMOST POINTEDLY--TO ADDRESS THE DOMESTIC SIDE OF THE CHURCH-STATE-VATICAN TRIANGLE. HOWEVER, PREMIER JAROSZEWCZ MADE UP FOR THIS IN REMARKS LATER THAT DAY (REF E).

12. REGARDING PORTUGAL, WE HAVE HEARD UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE ALREADY MEETING--ALLEGEDLY IN MADRID--WITH A VIEW TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATION.
ACCORDING TO ANOTHER REPORT IN WARSAW'S LEADING DAILY ZYCIE WARSZAWY, ON MAY 31, POLISH JOURNALISTS HAVE MET WITH PORTUGUESE MFA AND INFORMATION MINISTRY OFFICIALS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PORTUGUESE WRITERS' UNION ON RECORDING AND PERFORMANCE COPYRIGHTS.

13. OLSZOWSKI'S DESCRIPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLIMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND HIS LIMITED CONSTRUCTION OF THE ICCS FUNCTION ACCORD WITH THE POSITION ALREADY VOICED BY MFA OFFICIALS HERE, BUT THIS IS ITS FIRST PUBLIC AIRING.

END COMMENT.

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